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USNATO FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO BRIEF ALLIES AT SUITABLE
OPPORTUNITY ALONG LINES PARA TWO BELOW. OUR REVISED
LANGUAGE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT IN U.S. PRESENTATION FRG
DESIRE THAT UK AND FRG NOT BE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY AS
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ALLIES WHO WERE CONSULTED BY U.S. PRIOR TO NAC CONSULTA-

TIONS WITH ALL ALLIES. WE ASSUME THAT PRIOR TO BRIEFING PERMREPS MISSION WILL ALREADY HAVE BRIEFED LUNS.

2. AFTER FIRST INFORMING UK AND FRG PERMREPS, YOU SHOULD BRIEF PERMREPS AS FOLLOWS: U.S. HAS BEEN GIVING ATTENTION TO OPTION III PAST FEW MONTHS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS IN THIS AREA. U.S. STUDIES ARE NOT YET COMPLETED. WHEN THEY ARE, WE WILL INITIATE CONSULTATIONS IN NAC. YOU MAY ADD THAT OPTION III PACKAGE BEING CONSIDERED IS SAME AS WAS MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD TO NAC IN JUNE 1973. WE WILL KEEP ALLIES FULLY

INFORMED. IN EVENT YOU ARE PRESSED TO IDENTIFY WHICH ALLIES U.S. HAS ALREADY CONSULTED, YOU MAY, IF YOU CONSIDER IT NECESSARY, SPECIFY UK AND FRG.

3. FOR BONN AND LONDON: YOU SHOULD INFORM FONOFF OF LINE USNATO WILL TAKE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THEIR DESIRE NOT TO BE MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH STATEMENT ON PRIOR CONSULTATIONS BUT THAT WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO BEING OPEN ON THE MATTER IF PRESSED. KISSINGER

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